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Letter dated 30 September 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 30 September 1996 addressed to you by Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning the statements made in New York on 23 September 1996 by Tansu Çiller, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey, to news agency correspondents and reporters.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 81 and 145, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 30 September 1996 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my earlier letters concerning United States and Turkish interference in the internal affairs of the Republic of Iraq, I should like to inform you of the statements made in New York to news agency correspondents and reporters on 23 September 1996 by Tansu Çiller, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey, after her meeting with the United States Secretary of State, when she again confirmed United States and Turkish interference in Iraq's internal affairs.

Çiller said:

> "The fact is that my country, geographically speaking, is located in a strategic area, as is well known. We have done everything asked of us by the United States. As you know, we helped to transport United States citizens from Iraq through Turkey in order to save them. Then we helped our United States ally to bring American Government officials out of Iraq for onward travel through Turkey. They asked us to help 2,500 people, Kurds who live in this part of the world, for humanitarian reasons, and we responded immediately to that request also. So, for all the things our United States ally requested, our response has been immediate. I believe that our actions speak for themselves."

To a correspondent's question as to whether Turkey was not ready to cancel the security zone, the Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs replied as follows:

> "We are not ready to cancel the security zone, because we fear the influx of refugees and the PKK has stationed themselves right next to our borders. ... [The security zone] must be temporarily a danger zone."

The statements made by Tansu Çiller clearly reveal the following facts:

1. Turkey is colluding with the Government of the United States in large-scale intervention in the internal affairs of Iraq for the purpose of undermining Iraq, changing its national political regime and threatening its territorial integrity.

Tansu Çiller has admitted that Turkey cooperated with the United States in evacuating of what she calls American officials and American nationals who were in northern Iraq. These Americans did not enter Iraq in a legal and legitimate manner but were secretly infiltrated into northern Iraq with the assistance of the Turkish Government. All of them are officers, spies and saboteurs working for the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

2. The aforesaid Americans were infiltrated into northern Iraq to carry out a covert operation that was planned and financed by the United States Administration and implemented directly by the CIA. In this connection, I refer

to the details of this criminal American covert operation that I communicated to you in my letter of 10 September 1996 (A/51/345-S/1996/739, annex).

The statements made by Tansu Çiller confirm Turkey's involvement in this large-scale covert operation against the sovereignty, security, political independence and territorial integrity of Iraq.

3. The statements made by Tansu Çiller expose the plans of the Turkish Government to occupy Iraqi territory in order to establish what Çiller calls a security zone or "temporarily a danger zone". The Turkish plans constitute blatant aggression against Iraq, overt interference in Iraq's internal affairs, a violation of its territorial integrity and a breach of the principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations.

The Government of Iraq requests the United Nations to put an end to the interference in Iraq's internal affairs by the Governments of the United States and Turkey, given that such policies are incompatible with the letter and spirit of the Charter and do not advance the goal of building peace and stability in the region or in the world.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 81 and 145, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammed Said AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq